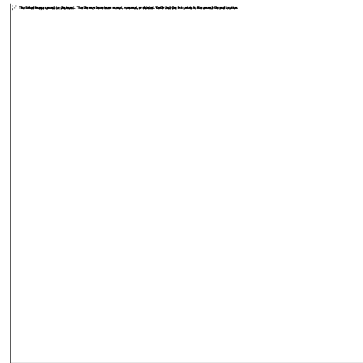


challenge and made an impact providing us the liberty and freedom of our way of life. It is that very courage in the midst of uncertainty that offers us the opportunity to continue our journey in life. There are times we face challenges, struggles, and hardships however the Code Talkers showed us and paved the way to set an example of courage that we can make it and we can make a difference."

Orson now reaches out to Native Youth to lift them up on his own shoulders through Goddard's Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC) that works to promote programs and events that encourage Native students to pursue learning opportunities and careers at NASA.

Gem Shandiin LaBarta



"I am Kinyaa'ánii Born for Naakai, my Cheiis are Deeshchii'nii and from To'Halstoi (Sheep Springs, NM)," says Gem Shandiin LaBarta, Cultural Interpreter for the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). "My family, all of us, have warrior middle names, so we are determined from birth to make a

change."

Gem was raised in Southern California but spent every summer with her grandmother and aunties in Sheep Springs. Before heading to DC with her MA in Education from the University of New Mexico, Gem taught on the Navajo Nation. "That is what prepared me for working at the Smithsonian," she says, where she engages non-native visitors in difficult conversations about who Native people really are, as opposed to stereotypes. "We use a methodology called facilitated dialogue to engage visitors to think critically about Natives," she says.

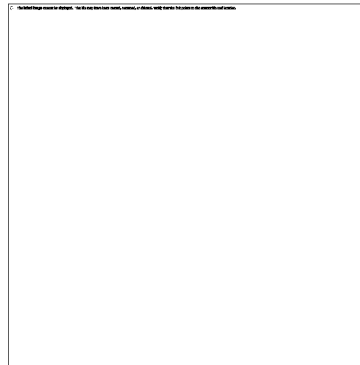
The vision of NMAI is to achieve equity and social justice for Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere through education, inspiration and empowerment. Cracking the code of racial stereotypes is part of that process.

"Our mission and vision got revamped this year," she says. "It was important to our entire staff, from the Director on down, to be very intentional about our messaging. We can't make sweeping statements about anyone."

What does that have to do with Navajo Code Talkers? "The idea of sending messages is something we are reinventing, especially during this time of COVID," she says. "Now we are going virtual to reach a much larger audience."

Gem and her team have developed a free webinar series called, "Youth in Action: Conversations about our Future" for middle and high school students interested in hearing from other young Native change makers. For example, next Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4 pm EST, Shandiin Herrera (Diné) and Isabel Coronado (Mvskoke Creek) will discuss the fight for reform to ensure the right to vote is accessible to everyone. Where can the next generation of Diné warriors send and receive messages to help protect the Navajo Nation? On Youtube, of course.

Serena Steiner



Navajo (Ta'neeshahnii) and bilagáana, Serena is our Eye in the Sky at NNWO who keeps our gears turning and our engines burning, while manning her station behind the scenes of our public facing office. Serena's steady hands are on every switch of our organization, steering our needs toward actions and problems toward

solutions.

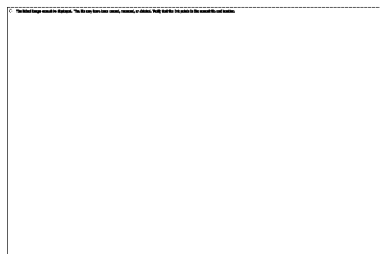
"I like a challenge," she says.

Raised equally in Washington DC and Arizona, Serena earned her Art History degree at Towson University in Maryland. Trained to discern the intention behind expression, Serena may soon be cracking the code behind federal Indian politics, law and policy. She hopes one day to attend law school.

"Being here, at NNWO, is a great introduction to the political realm," she says. "There is a lot I have learned in this first year and I know there is a lot more learning to be done." Her big surprise working in DC's tribal advocacy community?

"I went from not knowing any Native people in DC at all to being part of this amazing network. The reception I got was amazing. This is such a warm, welcoming place for anyone working for Indigenous people."

Heidi Todacheene



Heidi Todacheene, Legal Counsel to Representative Deb Haaland, (D, NM) is Bilagáana (Anglo), born for Táchii'nii (Red-Running-Into-The-Water) and her maternal grandfathers are Bilagáana and her paternal

grandfathers are Honágháahnii (One-walks-around clan).

Seeing the inequities that are apparent in any tribal border town inspired Heidi to pursue a law degree and work to help tribes. Earning a J.D. and Law of Indigenous People Certificate from the University of New Mexico School of Law, she worked on developing legislative initiatives affecting the State's Tribal and Pueblo communities at the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department during the 2016 Legislative Session.

In Washington DC, Heidi first worked on government and legislative affairs for the Navajo Nation in Washington, D.C before becoming the Legislative Counsel for Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM-01) where she focuses on Indian Country, agriculture, small business, tax, and arts/humanities issues.

"The three most important issues we are working on now are 1) The Missing and Murdered Indian Women Crisis, trying to find solutions for data collection and jurisdiction; 2) Honoring Promises to Native Nations, an initiative Congresswoman Haaland is working on with Senator Warren (D, MA) to address chronic underfunding across the board for Natives, including housing, law enforcement, health, education and economic development; and 3) the Digital Reservations Act to help get tribes spectrum access over their own lands."

Heidi credits her opportunity to work for the Navajo Nation at NNWO for setting her up for success on the Hill, where she is helping advance tribal issues in a Congress facing unprecedented challenges.

She says, "It has been extremely rewarding to work for Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM-01), especially on her Indian Country issues and managing the Congressional Native American Caucus with Co-Chair, Rep. Tom Cole's office. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of Congress to help get important policies implemented. However, working for a member of congress who is so deeply committed to lifting our communities up, and who is also

compassionate has been an irreplaceable experience. I am very fortunate that I have the opportunity to work with such strong leadership that empowers our whole office to be better people, and fight for what we believe in."

The problems that Native People face are not generally difficult to understand because they are so essential to the human experience, but their solutions can be very complex and technical. Translating concepts between folks in DC who may have no tribal experience and folks in tribal communities who may have no experience with the federal legislative process can be tricky. Heidi's own experiences, and those of her family before her, make her ideally suited for this challenge.

"Translating concepts and going between two different worlds has been something that is in my family, and something many of us have to learn just by growing up Native in the United States. My grandfather's brother, Carl Todacheene, was a Navajo Code Talker so I feel like that's what I'm here to do— to help translate for our community like past generations have done for us. Part of my responsibility to translate concepts is why I went to law school because, growing up in Farmington, my family experienced inequities that stayed with me and no one else should have to go through just because of where we're from. My translation skills come from being forced to live in two difference worlds, and getting the professional experience that you need to make informed decisions. The key to this is the willingness to actively listen, and hard work."

Concetta Tsosie de Haro



Concetta Tsosie de Haro, Democratic Counsel to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), is Tábaqahá (Water's Edge), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water), her maternal grandfather is Honágháahnii (One Who Walks Around You), and her paternal grandfather is Tábaqahá (Water's Edge).

"Connie" was born and raised in Fort Defiance, near Black Rock. As a young woman, Connie lived with her grandma and helped with her great grandmother who survived the Long Walk. Facing injustice with courage runs in the family.

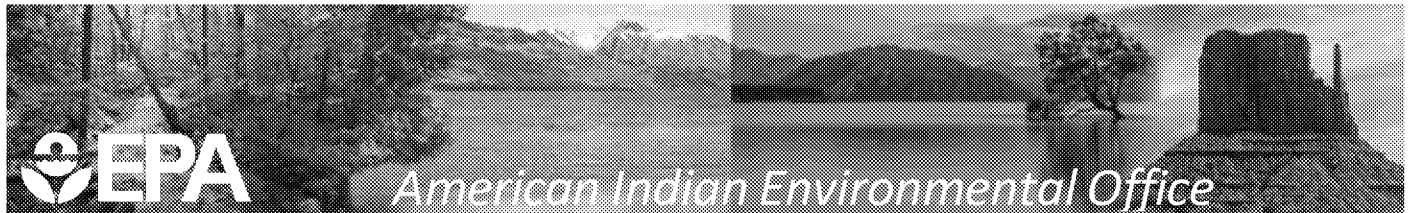
"I remember when I was 12 or 13 being in the passenger seat with my mom," she says. "There was one of those Gallup community police vans picking up intoxicated people. I remember seeing the Gallup Police pointing and yelling at an elderly Navajo man sitting on the side of the road, picking him up and roughly tossing him inside the van. That is the moment that made me want to go to law school."

After graduating from the University of New Mexico School of Law, Connie worked at the U.S. Department of Interior and became a Wilma Mankiller Fellow at NCAI before making her way to the Committee in 2016. "My role at the Committee, not just as a Navajo woman but as a Native person, is to make sure our voices are always heard, our community's needs are always heard, and incorporate that into everything we work on."

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AIEO Weekly

July 16 - 22, 2020

Region 6 Virtual Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting

On Wednesday, July 22, OITA Assistant Administrator Chad McIntosh & AIEO Director Scott Mason joined tribal partners and EPA leadership in a virtual meeting of the Region 6 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). The discussion focused on the Region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain areas within Region 6 have particularly high infection rates; the Navajo Nation, Albuquerque, and Oklahoma City, have some of the highest infection cases of all the Indian Health Service's testing locations across the country.

Assistant Administrator McIntosh briefed the RTOC on OITA's participation and coordination with the White House and other federal agencies to support tribes during the pandemic. Director Mason explained AIEO's temporary, internal guidance on tribal consultation during the pandemic and the increased flexibilities being sought in Performance Partnership Grants. Director Mason also emphasized that GAP grants are continuing during this time. He concluded his remarks with recognition of the Supreme Court's recent ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and EPA's commitment to work with Region 6 in reviewing the legal and civil implications of the ruling.

THIS WEEK

Region 6 Virtual Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting

White House COVID-19 Briefing Call for States, Localities, and Tribal Leaders

Improving Tribal Waste Management Programs: Interoffice and Interagency Coordination



AIEO Director Scott Mason, left, and OITA Assistant Administrator Chad McIntosh, right, spoke to the Region 6 RTOC

White House COVID-19 Briefing Call for States, Localities, and Tribal Leaders

On Wednesday, July 22, AIEO staff joined a COVID-19 briefing call hosted by the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The call included briefings from Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator; Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Mitchell "Mick" Zais, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; and Brian Montgomery, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Among the resources highlighted was a concise catalog of the U.S. Government's COVID-19 information and responses, located at <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>.

Improving Tribal Waste Management Programs: Interoffice and Interagency Coordination

On Tuesday, July 21, AIEO's Tribal Capacity Development (TCD) Team met with the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) to maintain interoffice coordination on our shared goal of improving tribal waste management programs. AIEO provides financial assistance to tribes for developing and implementing tribal solid waste management programs under the \$65M annual Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP). ORCR provides technical assistance to tribes on solid waste management programs through regional subject matter experts and national initiatives. Working together, AIEO and ORCR collaborate extensively with each other and with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to make sure our combined efforts are producing the best results for Indian country. AIEO and ORCR have identified several projects requiring sustained collaboration, including a strategic approach for providing tribes with appropriate training on waste management program design, administration, and service delivery. The results of our interoffice coordination will impact the work OITA is funding under an MOU between IHS and EPA to "Improve Open Dump Data, Solid Waste Projects and Programs in Indian Country" (January, 2017).

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
July 21-22, 2020	Region 6 Tribal Caucus and RTOC Meetings (virtual)	NA
August 11-13, 2020	Region 9 RTOC (virtual)	NA
August 17-20, 2020	Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF): A Virtual Gathering	NA
September 23-25, 2020	R10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (virtual)	NA

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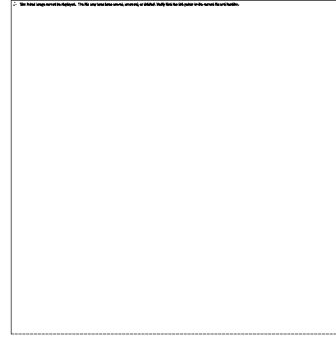
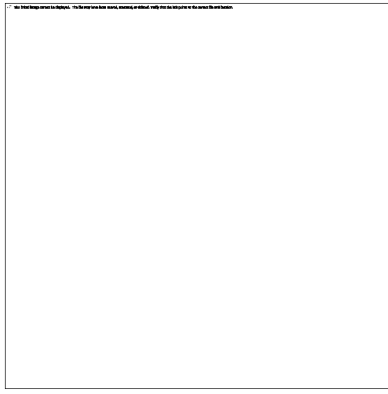
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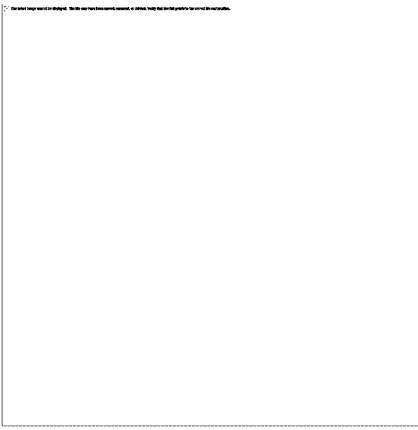


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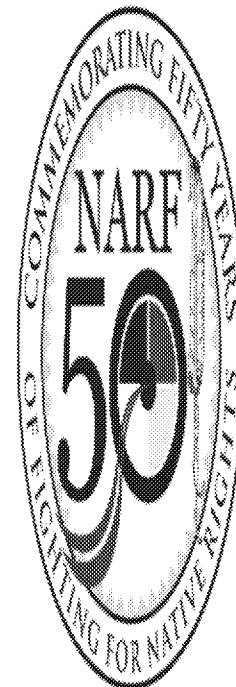
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Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Randy,

As far as I know, those were the only individuals names given to me.

Thank you for asking!

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To: Anita Daney <ADaney@mcn-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Anita,

In addition to Principal Chief Hill, Second Chief Beaver, James Williams and you, is there anyone else from the Nation I should include on the calendar invite. You will be able to forward as needed.

Thank you,

Randy

From: Anita Daney <ADaney@mcn-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Randy,

That would be just fine!

Anita

From: Gee, Randy [mailto:Gee.Randy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Anita Daney <ADaney@mcn-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Anita- if the Nation is ok with using Microsoft Teams for the meeting, I propose using that platform. I can send a calendar invite with the Teams link.

Thank you,

Randy

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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
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Randy,

No problem. ...just let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Anita

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To: Anita Daney <ADaney@mcn-nsn.gov>; Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>; David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>
Cc: James Williams <JWilliams@MCN-NSN.gov>; Hicks, Curtis <hicks.curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Thank you Anita. Our Region uses Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings; let me check with our scheduler if Zoom works for us.

Thanks for your help and I will be getting back with you on coordination.

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From: Anita Daney <ADaney@mcn-nsn.gov>
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Cc: jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov; Hicks, Curtis <hicks.curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation Meeting - August 25, 2020

Good Morning,

I have set the date of August 25, 2020 at 1:30-pm-2:30pm to meet with Chief David Hill for the Consultation Meeting. If we need to schedule this meeting via ZOOM, please let me know and I can get this scheduled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you kindly!

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Subject: Fw: Consultation

Anita,
Here are the propose dates for the consultation meeting.
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Cc: Hicks, Curtis <hicks.curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation

Good afternoon everyone,

I received dates and time for next week.

8/25 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
8/26 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

If these dates or the September 2 date don't work, I can get back with our scheduler.

Thank you,

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Cc: Curtis Hicks <Hicks.Curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation

Good afternoon,

Would Wednesday, September 2 from 2-3pm be available for the tribal consultation conference call? Our scheduler is working on other possible dates.

Thanks,

Randyu

From: Gee, Randy

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:05 PM

To: David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>; Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>; jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov; Curtis Hicks <Hicks.Curtis@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Consultation

Thank you Principal Chief Hill, Second Chief Beaver and James for today's call on planning the tribal consultation on the SAFETEA impact on the Nation's reservation. Please see the attached documents for the consultation.

Curtis and I will get dates and times to coordinate with your schedules for the tribal consultation call.

Randy Gee

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From: Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 8:23 AM

To: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>

Cc: David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>

Subject: Consultation

Good morning Mr. Gee,

I hope all is well at the EPA. As you know the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and all of Indian Country, experienced a historic win with the ruling of the McGirt case. The Muscogee Nation would like to formally request a consultation meeting for an explanation of how the SAFETEA Act affects our reservation. If you could either forward our request to the appropriate person or let me know who to contact I would appreciate it. Mvto and have a good day.

Del Beaver

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Subject: Re: Caucus meeting tomorrow

Thank you for the clarification...

From: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
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To: Lisa Hopinkah
Subject: RE: Caucus meeting tomorrow

Hello Lisa- the meeting starts at 9MT. I will open the line 30 minutes before the meeting.

Randy

From: Lisa Hopinkah <LHopinkah@sfpueblo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Subject: Caucus meeting tomorrow

Hi Randy!

Thank you for the call today. I noticed on the calendar invite with the McGirt info you sent the time says 8:30 mountain time, but the RTOC caucus agenda says 9:00.

I just want to be sure that the caucus meeting starts at 9:00 am mountain time. Please confirm.

Thanks,
Lisa

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Greetings from NTAA:

Please find the attached NTAA Weekly Update for the week of July 19, 2020.

You can find this and previous NTAA Weekly Updates on NTAA's [website here](#).

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your day!

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NTAA Weekly Update

Week of August 17 - 21, 2020

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NPR - [Trump's Methane Rollback That Big Oil Doesn't Want](#)

EPA—[New Source Performance Standards and Emission Guidelines for Other Solid Waste Incineration \(OSWI\) Units](#)

Popular Science—[The best ways to reduce the risk of COVID-19 indoors](#)

National Law Review Op-Ed - [McGirt v. Oklahoma: Understanding What the Supreme Court's Native American Treaty Rights Decision Is and Is Not](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Brookings Institute – [Amid COVID, don't ignore the links between poor air quality and public health](#)

Native News Online—[La Posta Tribe Seeks Restraining Order, Injunction to Stop Trump's Border Wall](#)

Cronkite News—[School-to-prison pipeline has deep roots in tangles history of tribal schools](#)

Ensia—[Opinion: Pandemic, floods, fires, hurricanes, extinctions — nature is telling us it's time to build our economy around inclusive wealth](#)

HuffPost—[Experts Predict What Life Will Be Like After COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives](#)

NPR—[Wildfire Season Is Off To A Roaring Start in California And Colorado](#)

Vox—[Air pollution is much worse than we thought](#)

Phys.org - [Study finds that air pollution is a driver of residential electricity demand](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

CarbonBrief—[State of the climate: 2020 set to be first or second warmest year on record](#)

NPR—[130 Degrees: Death Valley Sees What Could be Record Heat](#)

NY Times—[Here's What Extreme Heat Looks Like: Profoundly Unequal](#)

Yes! Magazine—[Do Mountain Forests Hold the Answers for Climate Science?](#)

Phys.org - [Recent global warming trends are inconsistent with very high climate sensitivity](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times—[Defying Trump, 4 Automakers Lock In a Deal on Greenhouse Gas Pollution](#)

Yes! Magazine—[How Montana Is Cleaning Up Abandoned Oil Wells](#)

Native Sun News—[Court reversal lets DAPL oil flow](#)

E&E—[EPA must confront judge's 'powerful reasoning' on methane](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Phys.org—[Study finds that air pollution is a driver of residential electricity demand](#)

The Daily Telegram—[Interest in improving indoor air quality grows](#)

Pasadena Now—[4 Simple Ways to Keep Indoor Air Fresh at All Times](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

TODAY! American Lung Association in Montana Screening and Discussion of *Unbreathable: The Fight for Healthy Air*

Please click [this URL](#) to join! *Wednesday, August 19, 2020; 12pm MDT*. Created by American University's Center for Environmental Filmmaking in partnership with the American Lung Association, this short film looks back on 50 years of the Clean Air Act, highlighting both the incredible progress made in cleaning up air pollution as well as the stories of communities that are still suffering from polluted environments.

NEW! Environmental Health Webinar: Air Pollution, COVID-19 & Health Disparities

Friday, August 21; 12-1pm ET

[Register Here](#)

Clear skies over many of the world's largest cities became a visible mark of the COVID-19 pandemic as stay at home orders went into place. This has been a stark contrast when considering outdoor air pollution was killing around 4.2 million people worldwide each year. Researchers in the US have suggested air pollution has significantly worsened the COVID-19 pandemic and potentially led to more deaths than if pollution-free skies were the norm. This webinar will explore how different neighborhoods in the same city can have vastly different air quality and what that means for their residents' short- and long-term health outcomes.

NEW! Research Seminar: Are Adverse Health Effects from Air Pollution Exposure Passed on from Mother to Child

Thursday, August 27; 10-12pm MST

[Register Here](#)

UC Davis research conducted shows that primates exposed to wildfire smoke during infancy experience adverse lung and immune system changes as adults, and their unexposed offspring also have impaired immune responses. Please join us for a research seminar to hear an update on CARB's research contract with UC Davis to study these long-term and intergenerational impacts linked to smoke exposure in 2008 wildfires.

Eldercare in the Time of COVID

Wednesday, September 9; 3-4pm ET

[Register Here](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is hosting a webinar on eldercare during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the risk for severe illness from coronavirus infection increase with age. Join us to hear presenters who will discuss topics ranging from caring for elders during the pandemic, preventing infection among this vulnerable population and tips for caregivers. Learn more about helping and protecting elders in your community.

NEW! US EPA Informational Webinar for Tribes, Construction General Permit 2022 Re-Issuance

Wednesday, September 16; 11-12:30pm MST

[Register Here](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes to inform the proposed renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA renews this permit every five years. The CGP authorizes stormwater discharges from construction activities (including, but not limited to: clearing, grading, excavating, and stockpiling) that disturb one or more acres, or smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that disturb one or more acres. These consultation materials are also available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

EPA finalized minor amendments to the 2004 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for the Plywood and Composite Wood Products (PCWP) source category.

The PCWP source category includes 230 facilities: 93 PCWP facilities, 121 lumber mills and 16 facilities that produce both PCWP and lumber. EPA identified acetaldehyde, acrolein, formaldehyde, methanol, phenol and propionaldehyde as the main pollutants emitted from this sector. Based on the results of required residual risk review, EPA determined that risks from the source category are acceptable. In addition, based on the results of the technology review, the agency identified no developments in practices, processes or control technologies that would further reduce emissions of air toxics from the emission units regulated under the PCWP NESHAP. EPA is finalizing no significant changes to the original NESHAP for this source category and concludes that the standards continue to provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health and the environment. A fact sheet and pre-publication version of the final rule are [available here](#).

Course APTI SI-470, Quality Assurance for Air Pollution Measurement Systems.

[Register Here](#)

This is a new comprehensive online course covering aspects of quality assurance for air pollution measurement systems. It provides essential information staff need to be able to carry out ambient air monitoring QA responsibilities. It is a new online version of a course that has been taught in the classroom for many years; it covers the same procedures and information. It consists of 12 modules, is narrated, and includes knowledge checks and exams for each module.

NTAA Upcoming Calls

The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#. Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call! ***Registration instructions*** When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, August 20, 2pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, September 3, 2pm ET

Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, September 17, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, September 24, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (ITEP's) Tribes and Climate Change Calendar includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's FY20 AIAQTP Course Schedule

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
	2020		
Air Pollution Technology (Postponed!)	TBD	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Meteorological Monitoring (Postponed!)	Fall 2020	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Pollution Modeling	Fall 2020	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Quality Outreach	TBD	TBD	1
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) (Postponed!)	May 2021	Tulsa, OK	n/a
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	Series of 6 recorded webinars	n/a
Indoor Air Quality - Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1

Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Fundamentals	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Advanced	Open	Online	3
<i>Note: This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications please visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</i>			

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! Assessing the Health Benefits of California's Air Quality and Climate Change Programs

Wednesday, August 19; 10-12pm PT

[Register Here](#)

California's air quality and climate change programs provide multiple benefits to health and well-being that go beyond respiratory health, including health benefits associated with increased physical activity, reduced driving, access to affordable housing, healthier food and agricultural systems, healthy homes through weatherization and energy efficiency, increased access to nature and green spaces, access to high quality jobs and economic opportunity, increased social cohesion and community engagement, and reduced risks from catastrophic wildfire, wildfire smoke, and extreme heat. *These benefits are also particularly relevant and important in supporting community health and resilience in the context of COVID-19.* Agenda and additional details are forthcoming, and will be posted [here](#).

2020 Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Behind-the-Meter Projects

Wednesday, August 26; 11am MT

[Register Here](#)

The easiest energy projects to complete are the ones you have the most control over. "Behind-the-meter" projects typically give you that control. This webinar will focus on the benefits and nuances of behind-the-meter projects and why they work.

ITEP's *Virtual* National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference, September 14 – 17, 2020 (NTICC)! There is no cost for attendance.

Registration is now open! Deadline to apply is Monday, August 31, 2020

Listen and learn from various partners who will be joining us to share their knowledge and stories about the work they are doing to address the climate crisis

occurring in our communities. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is honored to feature many amazing speakers including our warriors, Winona LaDuke of Honor the Earth and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez of Earth Guardians, Melanie Goodchild of Canada's Turtle Island Institute, Janene Yazzie of Diné Nation & International Indian Treaty Council, and many more. For more information, please see attached PDF or view the announcement [here](#).

Call for Community Engagement Workshop Participants and Papers for a Special Issue

Workshop Series: Winter/Spring 2021

[Apply Here](#)

This USDA NIFA funded and professionally facilitated Engagement Workshop Series will convene a multidisciplinary group of researchers, community stakeholders, practitioners, students, funders, and policy makers to discuss the design and impacts of stakeholder engagement to address socio-environmental problems in working landscapes. The workshop series includes virtual meetings in winter/spring 2021 and a two-day in-person workshop at Penn State University, US in June 2021. Intended outcomes include 1) a special issue of a journal on workshop themes, 2) a collaboratively defined and co-produced research agenda on the "science of engagement," and 3) formation of a new collaborative research network. Among the questions to be addressed are: *What risks does engagement entail and for whom? What challenges and risks are posed to indigenous and underrepresented communities through engagement? Which approaches effectively and equitably engage underrepresented stakeholders?* [Apply here to participate](#) in the virtual meetings and/or to submit a paper. Funding is available for travel to the June 2021 conference on a competitive basis. More information available at the [workshop website](#). Questions or a request for more information can be sent to Georgia Hart-Fredeluces at hartgeo2@isu.edu.

Save the Date: Shifting Seasons Summit 3, October 6-8, 2020, Keshena, WI

Contingency dates: March 2021

The Shifting Seasons Summit is a gathering that focuses on climate resilience planning and implementation within Tribes and across Tribal ceded territories in the Northeast Region. This summit will also include network-building opportunities and initiatives developed outside of the Northeast by capacity building organizations, academic institutions and Tribes. Visit www.NICRN.org for more details.

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!

[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! USEPA: Signed New Source Performance Standards and Emission Guidelines for Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) Units

On August 10, 2020, the Administrator signed amendments to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG) for Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) Units. The OSWI NSPS and EG was promulgated pursuant to section 129 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) in 2005. A fact sheet and pre-publication version of the final rule may be accessed [here](#).

NEW! EPA Issues Final Policy and Technical Amendments to the New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

On August 13, 2020, EPA issued two final rules that will make it simpler and less burdensome for the oil and natural gas industry to comply with the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry. Combined, the two rules combined are expected to save the industry millions of dollars in compliance costs each year. The rules can be found [here](#).

Serious Adverse Health Events Associated with Methanol-based Hand Sanitizers

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) issued the following Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory on July 5, 2020. On June 19, 2020, the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) advised consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by “Eskbiochem SA de CV” in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol, a “toxic alcohol”, as an active ingredient, which can cause blindness and/or death when absorbed through the skin or when swallowed. Since then, FDA has identified additional ABHSR products that contain methanol and is working with manufacturers and distributors on a voluntary recall of these products. [Read more](#).

The recent additions to OTAQ's website in July 2020 is listed below. You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.

- July 31, 2020: EPA issues a direct final rule that corrects an error in EPA's regulations for test procedures used in the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program finalized in a 2012 rulemaking
- July 22, 2020: EPA proposes greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards and test procedures to control of air pollution from airplanes and airplane engines
- July 7, 2020: EPA releases the annual Fast Facts document that provides information about U.S. transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions (1990-2018)

- July 1, 2020: EPA and NHTSA finalize the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks; Correction.

Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) and West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting (WCCPM) Webinar Series

Amid rising concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Washington state, the Tacoma Convention Center will not be able to host the Green Transportation Summit and Expo / West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting in August of 2020. The GTSE / WCCPM planning team has made the necessary decision to postpone the conference to take place May 24-26, 2021. In addition, they are converting a number of the planned sessions for 2020 into webinar format, and will be hosting 1-2 GTSE / WCCPM webinars per month from now through May of 2021. The webinar series will include the following subjects with exact dates to be confirmed:

- Medium & Heavy Duty Electrification—*TBD*
- Workforce Development—*TBD*
- Method to Create an SAE Certification for Technicians Working with High Voltage and High-Pressure Systems—*TBD*
- It Pays to Decarbonize: How Clean Fuel Programs are Rewarding Early Adopters—*TBD*
- Federal Funding: 2020 & Beyond—*TBD*

Indoor Air Quality

NEW! Healthy Homes, Green Cleaning, Indoor Air Quality and Your Health

Thursday, August 20; 1-2:30pm MST

[Register Here](#)

Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9 Indoor Environments Team and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Did you know that our homes may have hidden environmental risks that may affect our health? What are some of these environmental risks, you may wonder? Whether you live in an apartment, townhome or single-family home, an old home, or are building or renovating a new home, there are many ways to protect your health by understanding hidden risks and taking action to keep your indoor environment safe. You're invited to join us for a webinar to learn how to make your house a "healthy home" and get tips and tools to make it safe and healthy. Attendees of the webinar will be given information and tools to take action to improve their home indoor environment using the resources highlighted throughout the presentations.

In August 2020, EPA held an informational webinar on COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for Field Activities. You can view the [slide show here](#).

Upcoming Webinar on Housing and Indoor Air Quality Considerations during COVID-19 and Wildfire Season

Wednesday, August 19 at 11:00 am- 1:00 pm MDT

[Register Here](#)

There will be an informative discussion on the inextricable link between resident health and housing quality, especially the importance of indoor air quality during COVID-19 while families spend much of their time at home and indoors. Learn about the Healthy Homes movement and about several successful Healthy Homes programs in the Region and how these programs have been used to improve the health and safety of residents in a variety of communities, from urban to rural. Please register for Housing and Indoor Air Quality Considerations during COVID-19 and Wildfire Season on Aug 19, 2020 10:00 AM PDT [here](#).

Announcing EPA's New Indoor Air and COVID-19 Webpage

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. However, some uncertainty remains about the relative importance of different routes of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are straightforward steps that can be taken to reduce potential airborne transmission of COVID-19 and the focus of this material is on those measures. EPA recommends precautions to reduce the potential for airborne transmission of the virus. These precautions include increasing ventilation with outdoor air and air filtration as part of a larger strategy that includes social distancing, wearing cloth face coverings or masks, [surface cleaning and disinfecting](#), handwashing, and other precautions.

Topics Covered on EPA's [Indoor Air and COVID-19 webpage](#) include:

- [Indoor Air in Homes and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Ventilation and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Air Cleaners, HVAC Filters and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Additional Measures to Address COVID-19 in Public Indoor Spaces](#)
- [COVID-19, Wildfires, and Indoor Air Quality](#)
- [Science and Technical Resources related to Indoor Air and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Indoor Air and COVID-19 Key References and Publications](#)

Damp Buildings, Human Health, and HVAC Design

[Download Here](#)

This report summarizes dampness-related health risks in buildings as understood within ASHRAE. It provides simple-to-recognize symptoms of dampness, describes its capacity to increase the probability of negative health effects, and provides suggestions that HVAC system designers can apply to minimize such risks. The text also suggests monitoring instruments and threshold values that can

provide early warning of trends that, if allowed to continue, could eventually result in health-relevant dampness.

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

NEW! Agents of Change: Amplifying neglected voices in environmental health Fellowship Opportunity

Deadline to Apply: August 18, 2020

Agents of Change is an ongoing series featuring the stories, analyses and perspectives of next generation environmental health and justice leaders who come from historically underrepresented backgrounds in science and academia. These essays depart from other types of scientific writing in that fellows have a chance to blend their lived experiences and research expertise. We developed this platform to provide a space for early career scientists to explore intersections between research, health, diversity, and justice. In our first year, fellows wrote about various topics including: Black food sovereignty, indigenous cultural fire practices, housing security and urban displacement, workers' rights, energy production and public health, and prioritizing inclusion in environmental health research. **This is a chance to have real impact.** The fellowship offers an opportunity to reach people both within and outside an applicant's field. Some of our prior blogs have reached nearly one million views, with readers ranging from senior scientists to social activists to farmers in rural America. More information on fellowship requirements, eligibility, and the application process is available at [here](#). If you have questions about the program, you can also email the Director Dr. Ami Zota at azota@gwu.edu

NEW! Understanding Community-level Public Health Preparedness for Wildland Fire Smoke

Our team is working to better understand how communities, including tribal communities, prepare for wildland fire smoke events from a public health perspective, and the processes that are involved in that preparation. For this project we are interested in highlighting a handful of communities that are on the leading edge of smoke response preparedness and that are developing plans for their community response to smoke events. The working title of the project is, *Understanding Community-level Public Health Preparedness for Wildland Fire Smoke*, and this is related to some of the broader Smoke Ready Communities work currently underway. If someone from your community is currently or interested in working on a wildland fire smoke community response plan, and would like to discuss the project more we would like to meet and learn more. Please reach out to

us, we would be happy to share with you more information about the Smoke Ready Communities project and look forward to learning about your community. You may contact James Payne at payne.jamesj@epa.gov by **September 4th**.

NEW! Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences seeking Post-Doctoral Scholar

[Link to the post doc position](#)

The DEOHS at the University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health in conjunction with the UW Center for Health and the Global Environment (CHanGE) seek an outstanding Post-Doctoral Scholar to assist in a suite of climate and health projects. These projects include an effort to collect information on municipal heat action plans and activities to reduce exposure to extreme heat and an effort to assess the impact of an indigenous climate change health adaptation effort undertaken by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The work represents a unique opportunity to work across the fields of public health and climate change, with access to leading experts in DEOHS and CHanGE as well as partners in the Climate Impacts Group (CIG), the Program on Climate Change (PCC), and other UW organizations working on climate and health. While the position will be housed under DEOHS, extensive cross-disciplinary interaction is anticipated.

NEW! Executive Director, the Christensen Fund

[Apply Here](#)

The new Executive Director will join the Fund at a pivotal moment and will help shape the trajectory of the new strategy. They will hold a vision and lead the team bringing the rights-based focus to life through investments and partnerships designed to:

- amplify grassroots indigenous voices;
- build solidarity between and across Indigenous Peoples' movements; and,
- increase awareness of international frameworks that protect LTRG rights.

Reporting to the board of directors, the executive director will partner with the board and staff to bring the Fund into its next phase of impact by building on its exceptional reputation and track record of programmatic accomplishments.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes Tribal School Readiness Mini-Grant 2020

[Click Here to Apply!](#) *Deadline to apply is Friday, August 28, 2020*

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity titled Tribal School Readiness. With funding from the Indian Health Service, NIHB is offering a funding opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Organizations seeking to strengthen school preparation and readiness for safe operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is intended to fulfill

immediate Tribal school readiness needs related to COVID-19. More information is available on NIHB's [COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

NEW! Tribal Community Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water

Deadline: Monday August 31, 2020

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) is providing funding for participation in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Program. The EPA is making \$4.3M available to support the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Program. For more information, visit their [website](#).

- EPA will host a webinar in August to provide more information about the 3Ts toolkit, the application process and an overview of the grant and its scope. Webinar information and registration will be available on EPA's website.
- Tribal consortia interested in participating must submit letters of intent to EPA by August 31, 2020.

NEW! Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Notice of Funding Availability

Due: December 10, 2020

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the FY20 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) - Competitive Grant Program](#) earlier today. It announced the availability of approximately \$91 million in competitive grants to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). This program provides competitive grant funding to Tribes and TDHEs to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native American families. In accordance with the FY20 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, projects that will spur housing construction and rehabilitation will be prioritized.

HUD recognizes the many challenges faced by Tribes and TDHEs during the ongoing COVID-19 National Emergency. Accordingly, this year, HUD is providing a longer application period than the application period in last year's competition to allow applicants additional time to develop and submit applications. Therefore, applicants will have until 11:59:59 EST on December 10, 2020, to submit applications via <https://www.grants.gov>. If applicants are unable to submit an electronic application, they may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFA.

Teton Science Schools Graduate Program Native American Fellowship Opportunity

The Teton Science Schools' (TSS) Graduate Program is offering a full scholarship, covering tuition and room and board, to someone who is currently affiliated with a Native American tribe as an educator, or aspiring educator, or is of Native American descent. The scholarship recipient will be awarded a full scholarship to cover tuition and room and board for the Graduate Program at TSS. Incidental costs, for books, gear, travel to and from the program etc. would need to be covered by the scholarship recipient and may be covered by FAFSA student loans. Interested scholarship candidates should begin the [enrollment process for the TSS Graduate Program](#). If you have specific questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Nikki Gamrath, Vice President of Educator Development, at the Teton Science Schools at nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org.

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

Two New Funding Opportunities Available Through Engagement Opportunities in NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project for American Indian and Alaska Native STEM Engagement – NASA MAIANSE

This National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Research Announcement (NRA), entitled *Engagement Opportunities in NASA STEM (EONS) – 2020*, solicits proposals for competitive funding opportunities in support of the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) administered by NASA's Office of STEM Engagement. EONS 2020 is an omnibus announcement that includes a wide range of NASA science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) Engagement opportunities for basic and applied science and technology research and education. Specific opportunities will be issued periodically throughout the year as Appendices to this solicitation with individual requirements and milestones. For more information regarding the following opportunities and scheduled information sessions, please visit the [ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NASA STEM \(EONS-2020\)](#) page on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) website and click on 'List of Open Program Elements'.

DOI BOR Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for FY20 and FY21 – \$1 million

Applications Due: October 28, 2020 for FY21

Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations of the 17 Western States identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902

The objective of this opportunity is to invite federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and

activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Through this opportunity, Reclamation provides funding for projects that increase water reliability consistent with sections 3 and 4 of the October 19, 2018, Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#).

Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED's solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register](#) and at [Grants.Gov](#).

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices](#), click here!

Climate Change/Energy

On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: tribal governments

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

DOI BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant - \$1 million

Applications Due: September 01, 2020

Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations

The Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary"), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized

American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management.

The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. TEDC grants equip Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#).

DOE GFO Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation - \$10 million

Applications Due: September 28, 2020

Eligible Entities: city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments, county governments

The Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation funding opportunity will invest up to \$10 million to allow state, local, and tribal government entities to compete for funding designed to meet U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) goals via field validation of high impact commercial building technologies. Projects funded through this FOA will have the potential to significantly reduce energy use in U.S. commercial buildings, develop new value streams for commercial building owners, and provide the end use flexibility required to dynamically balance the distribution grid. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#)

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Radon Mini-Grant Program Announcement

Apply Here! Deadline is August 21, 2020

Over the years, many state and tribal radon programs and local health departments have identified lack of staff, time, and resources as key difficulties in conducting radon activities. Others have encountered challenges regarding partnering with a local organization on small innovative projects. To address these concerns and foster partnerships that will lead to radon risk reduction, the [Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. \(CRCPD\)](#) is sponsoring a mini-grant

program. The mini-grants are designed to be awarded to partner organizations for innovative projects addressing radon risk reduction. Non-tribal organizations are expected to collaborate with and get approval from their state radon program on project applications. If the selection priorities are met, partners could receive a \$1,500 to \$5,000 mini-grant award. CRCPD plans to award several mini-grants during this cycle (approximately 7-10 awards) depending on project and budget requests.

DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the technical assistance [description](#).

Recent additions to OTAQ's website in August 2020

You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ [on our website](#).

Indoor Air Quality

NEW! Competitive Indoor Air Funding Opportunity from the EPA National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants *Applications due: September 15, 2020*

The U.S.EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-20-09)

here: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>. This is a competitive funding opportunity for projects and programs that are aimed at reducing public exposure to indoor air pollutants. EPA intends to award cooperative agreement(s) for projects that will advance national policy and systems, reduce disparities and ensure programs and practices aimed at indoor air risk reduction are sustainable. Projects should reduce indoor air risks and yield measurable environmental and public health outcomes in one or more priority areas: radon, indoor environmental asthma triggers, comprehensive indoor air risk reduction.

Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2020. Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to Funding Opportunities! Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be found [here](#).

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To: Gee, Randy [Gee.Randy@epa.gov]; David Hill [dhill@mcn-nsn.gov]; Del Beaver [dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov]; jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov
Subject: RE: Consultation

In order to help prepare for detailed discussion, has the Nation had an opportunity to prepare some SAFETEA/McGirt Decision questions that we @ EPA can help address?

mvto

From: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:27 PM
To: David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>; Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>; jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov
Cc: Hicks, Curtis <hicks.curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation

Good afternoon everyone,

I received dates and time for next week.

8/25 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
8/26 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

If these dates or the September 2 date don't work, I can get back with our scheduler.

Thank you,

Randy Gee
EPA Region 6 Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Assessment
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From: Gee, Randy
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:26 PM
To: 'David Hill' <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>; 'Del Beaver' <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>; jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov
Cc: Curtis Hicks <Hicks.Curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Consultation

Good afternoon,

Would Wednesday, September 2 from 2-3pm be available for the tribal consultation conference call? Our scheduler is working on other possible dates.

Thanks,

Randyu

From: Gee, Randy

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:05 PM

To: David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>; Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>; jwilliams@mcn-nsn.gov; Curtis Hicks <Hicks.Curtis@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Consultation

Thank you Principal Chief Hill, Second Chief Beaver and James for today's call on planning the tribal consultation on the SAFETEA impact on the Nation's reservation. Please see the attached documents for the consultation.

Curtis and I will get dates and times to coordinate with your schedules for the tribal consultation call.

Randy Gee

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From: Del Beaver <dbeaver@mcn-nsn.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 8:23 AM

To: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>

Cc: David Hill <dhill@mcn-nsn.gov>

Subject: Consultation

Good morning Mr. Gee,

I hope all is well at the EPA. As you know the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and all of Indian Country, experienced a historic win with the ruling of the McGirt case. The Muscogee Nation would like to formally request a consultation meeting for an explanation of how the SAFETEA Act affects our reservation. If you could either forward our request to the appropriate person or let me know who to contact I would appreciate it. Mvto and have a good day.

Del Beaver

Message

From: Foster, Althea [Foster.Althea@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/6/2020 1:59:09 PM
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CC: Reyes, Elizabeth [Reyes.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Smith, Melissa [Smith.Melissa@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: SAFETEA Activation
Attachments: SAFETEA_request_to_Administer_final.01.pdf; 2005_SAFETEA_LU_Oklahoma_language_9_.pdf

Randy,

Please include Melissa and myself on the calendar invite. Also, can we assume that Regional Counsel will also participate?

From: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Reyes, Elizabeth <Reyes.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Cc: Foster, Althea <Foster.Althea@epa.gov>
Subject: SAFETEA Activation

Good morning Elizabeth,

You will see a calendar invite to join a call this afternoon to discuss the State of Oklahoma activation of the SAFETEA law. The law and request documents are attached.

Thank you,

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Message

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Greetings from NTAA:

Please find the attached NTAA Weekly Update for the week of July 15, 2020.

You can find this and previous NTAA Weekly Updates on NTAA's website [here](#).

Of note, please be sure to join NTAA for today's Informational Webinar with the State of Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on EPA's Proposal Increasing Consistency in Considering Benefits and Costs in the Clean Air Act Rulemaking Process.

The hour-long webinar starts today at 2 pm ET and you can listen in and [register here](#). This webinar is free and open to the public.

EPA has been seeking input on whether and how to set national standards agency-wide for how costs and benefits are calculated when EPA performs economic analyses of the impacts of their actions. These analyses are known as Benefit-Cost Analyses, or BCA. The ANPRM was related to [EO 13777](#), which seeks to reduce regulations. The current proposed rule is the next step in the rulemaking process, and applies specifically to BCA for future regulations under the Clean Air Act (CAA), as opposed to agency-wide.

NTAA is working on a [Policy Resource Kit](#) for Tribes including a template letter that will be published by the end of this week as well as [this fact sheet](#) to use to respond to EPA's request for comments that closes on August 3, 2020.

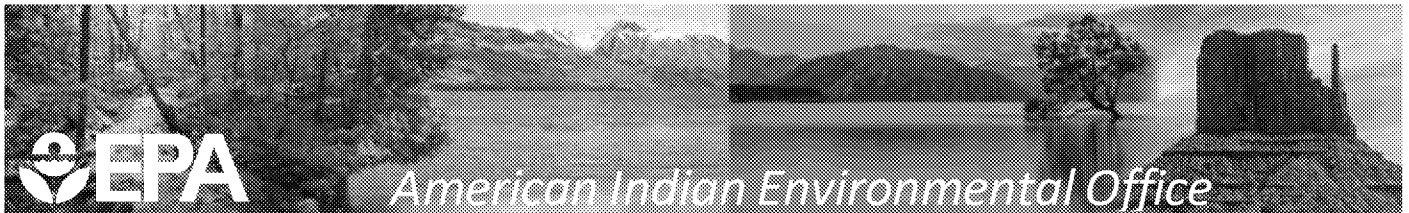
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CC: McIntosh, Chad [mcintosh.chad@epa.gov]; Nishida, Jane [Nishida.Jane@epa.gov]
Subject: AIEO Weekly, July 16-22, 2020



AIEO Weekly

July 16 - 22, 2020

Region 6 Virtual Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting

On Wednesday, July 22, OITA Assistant Administrator Chad McIntosh & AIEO Director Scott Mason joined tribal partners and EPA leadership in a virtual meeting of the Region 6 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). The discussion focused on the Region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain areas within Region 6 have particularly high infection rates; the Navajo Nation, Albuquerque, and Oklahoma City, have some of the highest infection cases of all the Indian Health Service's testing locations across the country.

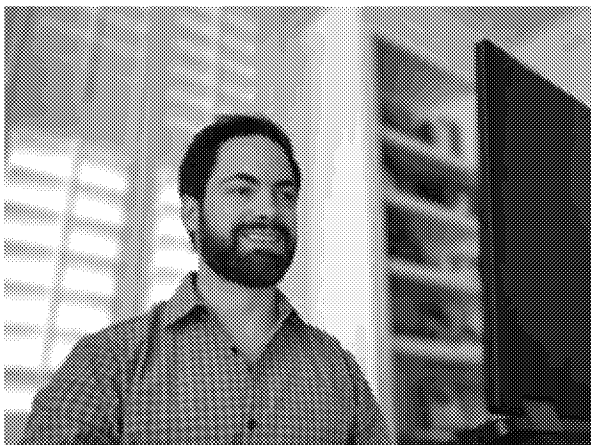
Assistant Administrator McIntosh briefed the RTOC on OITA's participation and coordination with the White House and other federal agencies to support tribes during the pandemic. Director Mason explained AIEO's temporary, internal guidance on tribal consultation during the pandemic and the increased flexibilities being sought in Performance Partnership Grants. Director Mason also emphasized that GAP grants are continuing during this time. He concluded his remarks with recognition of the Supreme Court's recent ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and EPA's commitment to work with Region 6 in reviewing the legal and civil implications of the ruling.

THIS WEEK

Region 6 Virtual Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting

White House COVID-19 Briefing Call for States, Localities, and Tribal Leaders

Improving Tribal Waste Management Programs: Interoffice and Interagency Coordination



AIEO Director Scott Mason, left, and OITA Assistant Administrator Chad McIntosh, right, spoke to the Region 6 RTOC

White House COVID-19 Briefing Call for States, Localities, and Tribal Leaders

On Wednesday, July 22, AIEO staff joined a COVID-19 briefing call hosted by the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The call included briefings from Ambassador Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator; Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Mitchell "Mick" Zais, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; and Brian Montgomery, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Among the resources highlighted was a concise catalog of the U.S. Government's COVID-19 information and responses, located at <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>.

Improving Tribal Waste Management Programs: Interoffice and Interagency Coordination

On Tuesday, July 21, AIEO's Tribal Capacity Development (TCD) Team met with the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) to maintain interoffice coordination on our shared goal of improving tribal waste management programs. AIEO provides financial assistance to tribes for developing and implementing tribal solid waste management programs under the \$65M annual Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP). ORCR provides technical assistance to tribes on solid waste management programs through regional subject matter experts and national initiatives. Working together, AIEO and ORCR collaborate extensively with each other and with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to make sure our combined efforts are producing the best results for Indian country. AIEO and ORCR have identified several projects requiring sustained collaboration, including a strategic approach for providing tribes with appropriate training on waste management program design, administration, and service delivery. The results of our interoffice coordination will impact the work OITA is funding under an MOU between IHS and EPA to "Improve Open Dump Data, Solid Waste Projects and Programs in Indian Country" (January, 2017).

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
July 21-22, 2020	Region 6 Tribal Caucus and RTOC Meetings (virtual)	NA
August 11-13, 2020	Region 9 RTOC (virtual)	NA
August 17-20, 2020	Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF): A Virtual Gathering	NA
September 23-25, 2020	R10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (virtual)	NA

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Here you go Harry. They should be attached. Thanks.

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Thank you,

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